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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Inventor:	Gordon Israelson	)		
		)	Group Art Unit:	1745
Serial No.:	09/669,784	)		
		)	Examiner:	D. Yuan
Filed:	September 25, 2000	)		

Title: DESULFURIZATION FOR FUEL CELL SYSTEMS USING SULPHUR  
SEPARATING MEMBRANES

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits  
the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

In The Claims:

Please add new claims 11-20 as follows:

11. (New) A method of reducing the sulfur concentration in a sulfur containing fuel  
gas used as feed fuel for a fuel cell system, comprising:

providing a main fuel feed stream containing a sulfur containing fuel gas;

pressurizing at least a portion of the sulfur containing fuel gas;